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RESUME COALITION TALKS

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1. FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MENAHEM BEGIN AND YIGAEI YADIN, THE DMC LAST NIGHT AGREED TO RESUME COALITION TALKS WITH THE LIKUD. THE DECISION WAS REACHED AT A THREE-HOUR MEETING OF THE DMC'S SECRETARIAT AND KNESSET FACTION AND ANOTHER LETTER WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO BEGIN, WHO HAD EARLIER YESTERDAY REPLIED TO A YADIN LETTER WHICH REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THE LIKUD EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION ON THE DAYAN APPOINTMENT (REFTEL). THE NEGOTIATING TEAMS OF THE TWO PARTIES WILL RESUME TOMORROW THEIR DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE BROKEN OFF LAST WEEK WHEN THE DAYAN APPOINTMENT WAS ANNOUNCED.

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2. ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY SATISFIED BY BEGIN'S ASSURANCES, THE DMC LETTER, SIGNED BY YADIN, INDICATED THAT IT MAY NOT JOIN A CABINET IN WHICH DAYAN WOULD BE FOREIGN MINISTER. ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST THE LETTER CONTAINS THIS PARAGRAPH: "ALTHOUGH USUALLY IN A COALITION REGIME...EVERY PARTY CAN DECIDE FOR ITSELF HOW

TO STAFF THE MINISTRIES IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR,
THERE ARE ALSO SOME EXCEPTIONS." IN THOSE CASES
"ONE PARTY HAS A RIGHT...TO TAKE SUCH APPOINTMENTS
INTO ACCOUNT WHEN IT DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO
SUPPORT A PROPOSED GOVERNMENT."

3. IN A TV INTERVIEW FOLLOWING THE DMC MEETING,
YADIN STATED THAT HIS PARTY SHOULD HAVE ONE OF
THE FOUR KEY MINISTRIES AND STRONGLY HINTED THAT
IT WILL DEMAND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PORTFOLIO.
HE INDICATED THAT, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF DMC
DIFFERENCES WITH THE LIKUD ON FOREIGN POLICY,
THE DMC SHOULD HAVE A PORTFOLIO CONNECTED WITH
FOREIGN OR SECURITY AFFAIRS. IN ANSWER TO A
QUESTION, YADIN RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE
DMC FORMING A COALITION WITH THE ALIGNMENT
AND THE NRP, SAYING THAT AS THE LARGEST KNESSET
PARTY THE LIKUD SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
ORGANIZE A NEW GOVERNMENT.

4. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT THE LIKUD
IS CONSIDERING OFFERING THE DMC THE DEPUTY
PREMIERSHIP AND THE THREE PORTFOLIOS OF JUSTICE,
COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT AND A NEW SOCIAL
BETTERMENT MINISTRY WHICH WOULD COMBINE THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CURRENT SOCIAL WELFARE,
LABOR AND HEALTH MINISTRIES. ADDING ANOTHER
COMPLICATION TO THE ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION,
THE RADIO REPORTS THAT LIBERAL PARTY LEADER
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EHRlich TODAY DECLARED ARYE DULZIN TO BE
HIS PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER.
NOW THERE ARE THREE IN THE RUNNING: DAYAN, YADIN
AND DLUZIN.
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